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Town & District

Mrs. Sherback, one of the teachers in the Gleichen school spent the holiday season in Calgary with friends.

Miss Joy Stenstrom of Banff and Miss Pauline Stenstrom of Edmonton spent the holiday season in town visiting their parents Mayor and Mrs. W. Stenstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown of Calgary spent New Year's in town visiting their children and grandchildren.

Don Farquharson of Calgary spent a few days in town during the holiday season visiting his parents and friends.

Jack Reid, who is living in Edmonton spent a few days in town visiting his father, Mr. Reid.

Albert and Lloyd Riddell of Edmonton were home for the holiday season.

Beck Holt of Calgary spent a few days in town visiting his family.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Farquharson of Edmonton spent New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. K. McPhee.

There was a good attendance at the dance given by the 12th Battery last Wednesday evening. The history boys state that since they have been many years held their annual dance on New Years eve they will in the future to some always hold it on New Years eve and not some other evening as they did last dance.

Mrs. J. Young has returned to town after spending several weeks in a Calgary hospital recovering from an operation. At present she is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. MacCallum.

Miss Rachel James spent the New Year holiday at Brooks visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woods entertained a number of their friends to New Years dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Evans spent New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bannister, Arrowwood. Where they enjoyed dinner with all the trimmings.

The marginare arguments remind us that the South African government has permitted the manufacture of margarine since 1945, but because of the shortage of raw materials and the lack of machinery, actual production did not begin until 1947. The sale of margarine at a fixed price has been restricted to low income groups and distribution is controlled through government owned mobile markets and depots. Production quotas have been set up for the four registered manufacturers. The margarine is sold to the public at about 27 cents a pound, and the regulations do not prohibit the use of coloring.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM NOTES

In many areas the native animals become a very distinct problem in the management of native range. This is not always realized as the animals have in most cases lived in the country long before it was settled by the ranchers and farmers. However large losses are entailed because of forage consumption by wild animals and insects. The ravages of the common grasshopper are well known by the farmers of western Canada. Not long ago deer had to be moved by truck to areas where feed was more plentiful, as they were starving, and consequently came in to feed on the reserves of the farmer and rancher.

Little is known about the relation of antelope to range livestock, but it has been assumed that as the antelope is essentially a grass plains animal it is in direct conflict with domestic animals. It would probably be safe to estimate six antelope equal to one mature cow from the point of view of forage consumption. This, of course, is bound to cause a decrease in livestock numbers if the principles of proper grazing are followed.

There are some individuals, who would like to see the antelope completely destroyed, and others who regard the "open range" as a menace. Both sides have some justification.

SMALLEST PUBLIC LOCOMOTIVE FOR CANADA

Christened "Winston Churchill" by Master Duncan Sandys, grandson of

tion. However, what is needed is a careful study of range condition, antelope numbers, hunting damage, livestock numbers, and the economics of the livestock industry. This would aid greatly in formulating a policy for compatible dual usage.

EVERY WOMAN'S OPPORTUNITY

The world in which women survive their crafts are important. War undulates this but it is equally a time of peace. What a country does to the life of women is not always as fully understood. The life of women under totalitarian regime differs vastly from that within democracy. Under the Nazis, the old German ideal of children, church and cooking was played up, but this good if limited role was used to restrain women from taking part in women's organizations, particularly those with international affiliations. Among the Soviets the opposite extreme was followed; women were collectivized and viewed as sources of labor, whether in farm or factory. While different in emphasis, both these totalitarian systems are alike in viewing the life of women as in the hands of all citizens, as subservient to the will of the state. Their duties are assigned to them not discovered and chosen by them.

What of women in our own culture? The heart of democracy is freedom and in large measure our women are still free to work to their own destiny instead of being dictated to by the state. Some are the foundation of the democratic state, but the self centred one can be as much a menace as he self centred individual. The modern woman is pulled in two seemingly contrary directions, in toward home and family on the one hand, out into the larger world of affairs on the other. This is woman's dilemma, it is also her challenge and her opportunity. Her care for home and family needs to be deepened and freed from the corrosion of selfishness. This capacity to care needs to be released into a world that is starving for hope and for new ways of living. If women can enough to feel responsible for the crisis of the world today they will begin to discover how their homes can help to provide the cure. Harry Beecher Stowe wrote Uncle Tom's Cabin and watched the cake baking in the oven at the same time. She knew how to interweave the personal with her public life so that no part was neglected. Women who work to solve this problem can help save a crumbling civilization.

Few events are more eagerly awaited than the publication of the Society's Popular Report. During the fifteen years it has been in the hands of Rev. J. A. Patten, it has assumed a character that has won praise from an ever widening circle of readers. It is anticipated that next year his successor, Rev. E. R. Cable, who has been intimately connected with the BBC, will add distinction to future issues. This year a very difficult problem of producing a report that would maintain former standards was entrusted to the experienced and competent hands of Rev. M. Cable and Miss F. French. With what seems to be the inspiration of genius, they have used the opportunity to take a long view, to see the whole picture. The report of the Society's work. They have recorded the progress that has been made in the various fields during the past year, and drawn, as is usual in these reports, upon the touching scenes that have always been a feature of the secretaries' narra-

tives. But in addition, they have given the current survey an historical perspective by setting side by side with this year's account the story of the beginning of the work in each area. The result is that the reader sees a clearer the real significance of the latest reports of the work. We see where sparks of grace have grown into a bright and glowing flame, and where the once promising fire has died down to a smouldering glow.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Bert Boos of Calgary was a visitor to his parents home during the holidays. Claude Rousseau held the lucky ticket which won the five suit cases offered by the local branch of the Canadian Legion. The boys did exceedingly well with the raffle. Stuart Hampton got very busy the night of the raffle and sold tickets by the score.

John Wendenar, who had been a resident at Riverview Home for some time died Sunday morning. G. W. Evans shipped the remains to Medicine Hat for burial on the train Monday morning.

Dan MacDonald, the local smithy, spent the holidays in Calgary with his family.

Monday morning it was 20 below zero. Since that time the weather has moderated considerably and everywhere the sun is shining.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Patton of Calgary spent the holidays in town at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Deshayes.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Beach were visitors to Calgary at the home of their son and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Hay Beach.

Scotty Kier of Cluny was a holiday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Barrett.

Tal Vardell who operates a grain elevator at Queensdown spent a few days in town last week visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Vardell and his sister Miss Jody Vardell who is manager of the local telephone exchange.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays Gleichen and district saw the return of a great many former residents and other folks they brought with them.

Mrs. and Mr. McLean visited relatives in Calgary a week ago.

Mr. Dave Wilson our former school janitor who is now retired, spent the holidays in Calgary with some friends. For many years at the time of year Dave has gone to Calgary to visit his old friends and talk over the events that have happened in the years that have gone by. Dave has got a fine memory and enjoys talking of the past.

additional provinces and states to participate in cooperative breeding ground studies. A limited supply of the new publication is available. Conservation agencies, sportsmen's clubs, ornithologists, and water fowl technicians can obtain copies from editorial and Information Section, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

The first of this year, many foodstuffs and some manufactured goods were removed from the list of prohibited imports, while others will be brought into Canada on a quota basis. Canadian tourists who remain at least 48 hours in the United States will now be able to bring back incidental purchases up to the value of \$100, even if the goods they buy are on the prohibited list. An improvement in the balance of payments position between Canada and the United States has made this relaxation possible, and controls may be lifted further by the middle of next summer. There will be no longer any controls include fresh and canned meats, poultry and game, eggs, yeast, prepared cereal foods, peanut butter, condensed milk, peas, mince, nuts in the shell, oysters and other shell fish, syrups, cigars and cigarettes, candles, lubricating oils and greases and unmanufactured leather of all kinds. This removal of all remaining restrictions on imported fresh fruits and vegetables will be dropped by next July.

THE UNITED CHURCH

Services: Arrowwood 11 a.m. Sunday school session during sermon period. Cluny: Sunday school 1 p.m. Service 2 p.m. Gleichen Sunday school 11 a.m. Service 7:30 p.m.

A. D. Pringle, Minister.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at regular service times next Sunday at Riverview Home, Strathmore Anglican Church, Langdon Baptist Church, Arrowwood Church of the Brethren and the United Churches at Crestland, Cluny and Gleichen. The local minister addressed the meeting at Langdon Tuesday and will speak at Strathmore this evening.

SCOTLAND'S GIFT

Oatmeal has always been a part of the diet of Scotland and during the invasion of the Romans when the Scots retreated to the hills and lived on raw oats. This was a good beginning on which to establish oatmeal as a national dish of Scotland. Through the years, shepherds thrived on the hills because of a diet consisting largely of oatmeal.

Manufacturers have improved the forms in which oats have been prepared for human consumption. There are now three types: Regular rolled oats; the whole grain, cleaned, de-hulled, then passed between heated rollers. Quick cooking: similar process used but the grain cut in pieces before rolling. Oatmeal: meal made from cleaned hulled oats.

Both types of rolled oats are suitable for breakfast cereal, cooking, and as a many other uses. Food. Oatmeal is not so commonly used but makes excellent cookies, scones, bread and muffins and is also a good thickener in soups. Porridge, well made, should be a delicious breakfast treat which "sticks to the ribs" until the next mealtime and with the newer quick-cooking rolled oats, there is no excuse for omitting the hot breakfast cereal.

Here is a good recipe for rolling oats. They are recommended by the home economists of the consumer section of the Dominion Department of the Interior. The publication, "Waterfowl Populations and Breeding Conditions—Summer 1948" is a continuation of reports made by representatives of the two services and wildlife agencies of a number of provinces and states. It is the second of an annual series. The Dominion Wildlife Service, which are primarily responsible for the management of the country's wild birds, and those that their joint report will stimulate

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Standards Of Nutrition

ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS given by authorities on the subject, nutrition standards are today undesirably low in many parts of the world. In Europe it is reported that undernourishment is increasing among millions of children in spite of efforts which have been made by the United Nations International Emergency Children's Fund and other such projects to provide for them as well as it is possible at this time. Among the children of Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Greece and Italy, chronic undernourishment, defective hygiene and of diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and parasite infection. As a result of this chronic malnutrition which affects not only the children but all age groups, workers are inefficient and food production per person there is ten per cent. lower than in the more advanced countries.

Conditions In West Improved

From Western Europe came a somewhat more encouraging report. There, it is said, nutrition standards have risen during the past six months due to good weather, increased food production and increased supplies of farm machinery and fertilizers which have been sent under the Marshall Plan. With this help the daily diet in many parts of Western Europe has reached 2,600 calories, as compared to 2,300 at the time last year and 2,000, which was the standard in that part of the world before the war. It is reported that bread consumption rose by 19 per cent. in 1948, the greatest increase having been shown in France and Belgium. While bread supplies have increased, meat has become more scarce, and the people of Western Europe will have about 35 per cent. less meat for another year, than they had before the war.

Problems Here Less Serious

While in Canada there have been no such problems as these, nutrition standards among the people of this country are not as uniform as they could be desired. Since shortages of food are obviously not the cause of faulty diets here, the blame is laid to ignorance on the part of many as to proper habits of nutrition. Recently rising living costs have also been a factor in lowering the quality and the amount of food consumed by many Canadian families. During the early part of the war, it was estimated that 25 per cent. of the families of wage earners could not afford to purchase adequate amounts of food. Wages have risen since that time, but prices have also advanced considerably, so it is doubtful whether this situation has changed greatly. At the recent Dominion Producers' agricultural conference, farmers were warned that the war demand for food is now over and that they must face the prospect of receiving lower prices for "surplus" products. With inadequate standards of nutrition in many parts of the world, including our own country, it would be a great benefit to many if a way could be found to overcome economic barriers and other causes of the accumulations of surplus farm products. If all that is produced could find its way to those places where it is needed, nutrition standards would rise and farmers would remain prosperous.



New Restriction Imposed On Poultry Imports

OTTAWA. — The government announced it has restricted imports of live poultry and hatching eggs in an attempt to keep Canada free of Newcastle disease, a virus ailment often fatal to poultry.

Live chickens, turkeys, pigeons, game ducks or other barnyard fowl or other birds raised under domestic conditions will be prohibited entry unless their import is accompanied by proper veterinary certificates.

Any agriculture department, making the prohibition under authority of the animal contagion diseases act, said a certificate that the birds are free of the disease must be signed by a veterinary officer of the government of the country of origin. The order also applies to birds which may have been vaccinated against the respiratory infection.

Live poultry from the United States must be accompanied by a certificate either signed or endorsed by a veterinarian of the U.S. bureau of animal industry.

The agriculture department said similar certificates will be required for the import of hatching eggs from all kinds of poultry. Official veterinarians of the exporting countries will be required to certify that the eggs originate from flocks free of Newcastle disease.

Promoting Sale Of Rabbit Meat

VANCOUVER. — Meat-hungry Canadians from Vancouver to Halifax may soon get acquainted with a man who wants to substitute a medium-sized morsel for off-the-budget steaks.

It is K. V. Collier, president of the New South Wales Furrier Skins Merchants Association who is conducting a one-man campaign to promote the sale of rabbit meat in Canada.

"A rabbit a day keeps the doctor away and it's a lot cheaper than corn beef," he says, eager to export rabbit, skinned, frozen and ready for exchange for much-needed Canadian dollars.

NO MORE SUNSPOTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS

WASHINGTON. — Scientists won't have much effect on your radio or the weather in the next several years. The peak of the current cycle of sunspots occurred in 1947, the U.S. naval observatory said, and "we can expect to see fewer spots during the next several years."

The observatory said one day this year only two small groups of sunspots were seen. But they will be at their peak again, it added, in about 10 years.

Mining in Manitoba Sets New Record

WINNIPEG.—Mining development in Manitoba made great strides during the year, with two new mines brought into production and the construction of a mill for extracting gold within a month of completion.

As in 1947, non-ferrous metals were the most sought after. Total claims recorded during the first 11 months of 1948 were 2,944.

A preliminary estimate shows the value of mineral production in Manitoba this year at \$24,700,000, represented by \$18,500,000 in metals and \$6,200,000 in non-metals. Last year's production was valued at \$18,284,750 — \$12,412,750 in metals and \$5,872,000 in non-metals.

One of the copper mines brought into operation was the Ogama-Rockland gold mine north of Long Lake in the Rice Lake mining division.

Last July 3 the company formally achieved production with the opening of a gold bar valued at \$37,500. Second of the new operations was the Chuprus mine, eight miles southeast of Flin Flin, Man., between White and Schist Lakes. It is a producer of copper and zinc.

One of the leading developments of the year was the non-completion of a 2,000-ton flotation-oxidation mill by the Howe Sound Exploration Company Ltd., for the recovery of gold from a large deposit at Snow Lake in northern Manitoba.

NEW MARKET FOR SUNFLOWER SEED OIL

WINNIPEG. — Lifting of the ban on sale and manufacture of oleomargarine in Canada highlights a little publicized Manitoba product — sunflower seed oil.

This year, commercial production of sunflower seed was limited to Manitoba. Sunflower seed oil is an ingredient which may be used in the manufacture of margarine. At present, all fats and oils are under international control with Canadian imports on a quota.

This year commercial production of sunflower seed amounted to 22,000,000 pounds, taken off 28,000 acres in southern Manitoba.

Proceeding of Manitoba sunflower seed takes place in a co-operative plant at Altam, Man., which annually handles the bulk of the crop.

Since 1945, larger amounts of land have been devoted to sunflower production every year. In that year the acreage was 8,500 acres; in 1946 it jumped to 23,000 acres, while last year 20,000,000 pounds were grown on 25,000 acres.

The largest part of Manitoba's sunflower crop is grown in a 35 mile strip along the international boundary, in an area extending west from the Red River to Morden.

Truise With Snow

FLESA, Okla. — Albert Lewis of Prince Rupert, B.C., returned recently to wed Wilma Lee Snow, 18.

"I walked 100 yards along a road 25 years ago. How old do you think I am?"

After the minister's calculation, the Yorkshire man replied, "Forty-two."

"Just how do you figure I am forty-two years old?" asked the minister.

"Well," the boy replied, "I've got a big brother who's just half dead, and he's twenty-one years old."

Working on a crossword puzzle, Mrs. Green asked, "What is a female sheep?"

"Ewe," replied Mr. Green just before the book came flying across the room.

Mr. Smith had been lecturing in a neighboring town. "How did you get on, dear?" asked his wife.

"Did you carry your audience with you?" "No," he replied. "But I could really have done so. It was small enough."

Teacher: "Johnny, I'm only punishing you because I love you."

Johnny: "I wish you was big enough to punish your love."

"Do you know that your wife is going about telling everybody that you can't keep her in clothes?" "That's nothing. I thought her a fool, and I can't keep her in that either."

There had been an accident, and the sympathetic old lady stopped and stroked his forehead. "My poor fellow," she crooned, "tell me your name, and I will tell you mother's."

"Thank you," gasped the victim, "but my mother knows my name."

The marmots are rodents of the ground-squirrel family, and 3000



HONOR KING, QUEEN WITH FIJI STAMP — New five shilling stamps to be issued in Fiji honors the King and Queen on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. It is purple in color.—B.N.S. photo.

Farmers' Tax Paying Simplified

Farmers have their income tax troubles simplified by the forms announced.

They file on the four-page T1 General, same as used by business and professional men, instead of the old six-page T1 Farmer.

The highly explosive "net worth" statement required from farmers last year has been modified, though not abolished.

Farmers were asked to reveal information about their finances that no other person in Canada was asked.

The howls were heard far and wide, especially in Ottawa.

Now if a farmer pays his income tax on a yearly cash basis, he does not file a "net worth" statement.

But, if he chooses the five-year "accrual" system, he still files the annual net worth statement.

Only 5 per cent. of farmers have chosen the "accrual" system, all other farmers asked for it.

Farmers have three systems for tax returns. They take their choice of an annual cash basis, a five-year accrual basis or a five-year average cash basis.

Last year 200,000 Canadian farmers filed returns, an increase of 30,000 over the previous year.

On the 1947 Canadian picture, 400,000 Canadians filed returns last year than the year before and the amount of income tax deductible at source increased by \$20,000,000.

ALBERTA SEED BOARD DROPS RED BOBS WHEAT

EDMONTON. — The Alberta seed board announced it has deleted Red Bob wheat from the list of varieties recommended for this province.

New variety, Saunders, was added to replace Red Bob.

The board also deleted Sunbelt barley and Legacy oats from its list of grains recommended as suitable.

HARVESTS CROP OF POTATOES FROM A BOX

VANCOUVER. — George Greenwood drew laughs from his friends when he planted potatoes in a small box in his home here. But they had agreed the experiment paid off when he harvested a small crop of normal, healthy tubers.

Urges Greater Investment In Canada

MONTREAL.—Finance Minister Abbott suggested to investment dealers that Canada's industrial and economic power steadily rolling forward — now presents two great challenges.

These are:

1. Necessity for the mobilization of Canadian savings to accelerate industrial and economic development.

2. Promotion and financing of Canadian enterprise by Canadians to eliminate the need of United States investment, now costing Canadian industry roughly \$75,000,000 a year in interest and dividends.

Mr. Abbott told the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada that Canada is on the threshold of a new economic dynamic period in national development.

Raising his talk from Canada's "colossal" indebtedness to her post-war development of budgetary surplus, Mr. Abbott made these things explicit.

1. Canada's exchange problems with the United States have taken a turn for the better. At Sept. 20, Canada had \$84,490,000 in reserves, an increase of \$247,400,000 over the six-month period April 1, Sept. 30.

2. The Dominion's budgetary surplus for the first eight months of the current fiscal year now has risen to \$560,000,000 compared with \$375,000,000 for a similar period last year.

3. Monthly increases in budgetary surpluses are expected to continue until next March when the first year ends, but they will not total the \$1,000,000,000 some people may have expected.

Mr. Abbott said that despite a sound financial policy, Canada owed the Second World War with a debt "which was colossal for a country of 12,000,000 people."

Height.

Canada's indebtedness was reached Dec. 31, 1946 when the total unmet funded debt amounted to "no less than \$14,857,000,000."

NEW MENU PLAN BY HOSPITAL A SUCCESS

VANCOUVER. — Something new has been added to the Vancouver General hospital — printed menus from which the patients can select their meals. Patients like it and the hospital finds that it cuts waste.

PLANS SPORTS FIELD

LIBAU, Man. — Plans are under construction by the Libau Community Club to acquire 10 acres of land on the outskirts of the village to be developed as a baseball ground.

A baseball recently netted \$125, a portion of which will be used to build a skating rink this year.

APPROPRIATE NAME

Chicoree cookies who helped build bases for the B-29 Superfortresses, have their own name for the Jeep. Their written characters, namely, literally, call a Jeep, "Four wheels with 1,000 uses."

EYES HAVE "IT"



JOHN L. LEWIS



PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE



GEORGE BERNARD SHAW



ALBERT EINSTEIN



ELIZABETH SCOTT

A Hollywood optometrist, who has 20-20 vision himself, thinks the eye is the prettiest part of a human body. Dr. Herbert Marshall says the eye is most expressive portion of the anatomy. He selected the five most cooperative pairs of peepers in the world.

John L. Lewis, whose "piercing eyes" show limitless determination and strength, affording him a powerful appearance which has won countless personal popularity.

Princess Margaret Rose, whose "dancing eyes" are the key to a happy mind, possibly one day may be a major influence on the ministers of the realm.

George Bernard Shaw, "whose oglestargen eyes retain the dash of youth and hypnotize the listener, even taking attention away from Shaw's beard."

Albert Einstein, "whose sad, puppy-dog eyes are the tip-off to what he believes is deep humanitarianism, combined with genius in a scientist's make-up."

Elizabeth Scott, "an actress whose hazel eyes are capable of influencing every way she wants." Dr. Marshall said Miss Scott's eyes "are most unusual" of any screen suck's he has seen.

THIS IS ONE WAY TO GET ATTENTION

ST. LOUIS.—Miss Edna Rose Perini was delivered to the street out with her friend even though he was deliberately ignoring her every way she wanted.

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OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

"BRIDESMAID"

By J. A. CARROLL

STANDING there with my eyes closed, listening to the deep, solemn notes of the organ, I realized that the last time I had been in church had been a wedding too. My own. Now, when I opened my eyes I saw the bride coming down the aisle, a beautiful picture in white. Albert was waiting at the altar for her, smiling, his dark eyes adoring her.

I went back in my mind's eye to the events that had led up to the marriage. The Hanson girls, twins, of whom I was Joan, humorously referred to as the younger, that Albert and I had been in love with.

It wasn't a case of just falling in love. I had known Albert since we had gone to school together for the first time when we were six years old. Joan had been sort of a growth on him—his affection and need of her deepened throughout the years of public school, high school and college. And he was good-looking, powerful built, though rather stout, but just as attractive to the unfair sex as Joan was to the men. I was puzzled as to why the affair hadn't culminated in happy much sooner—but then I didn't know Joan very well.

Albert explained it to me. "She has," he said in his low, quiet voice, "what they call a sister complex. Frances is her twin, but somehow, all through life, she has taken the initiative in whatever they did. Now Joan stands still when Frances isn't leading her somewhere."

"Yes, but what's that got to do with you?"

"This. Remember when Frances was going around with that football guy never back in high school?"

"Yes, but—"

"And don't you remember how Joan lagged around after them like a dog on a leash?"

I began looking back through the years of memory, and I saw a couple of scenes in which Joan had looked like the person who makes a couple a crowd. I nodded.

"And remember at graduation—when Frances was moon-struck with our French teacher—the one with the Hitler moustache?"

"Yes," I answered.

"I can see as plain as day now—Joan going up to that platform and practically fainting away when he gave her the diploma to her. I remember wondering at the dopy look on her face at the time."

Albert pursed his lips, nodding his head in agreement. He shrugged, motioned his hands deeper in his pockets. "You see?"

"The Lord, man, is this going on?"

"That," he said, "is all I can go on."

He pointed out to one of the nearer seats, where a young man with a very bright, flashing smile was playing dominoes with the Hanson girls. "Frances' latest flame," he said. "Tennis star. You can see Joan's eyes following him from here."

It was true. Joan had lovely, deep blue eyes—could see them practically everywhere following the young man. Albert, tossed up a racket, began to play.

"I'm going to polish up my backhand, then I'm going to try and take this easy. You'll be the tournament and try to beat the dickens out of him every time that Joan's around."

Joan sat in the shade, watching him pound that ball around for three hours that afternoon. Day after day after day, he played tennis as he never had before. He lost ten pounds, broke his face, sprained his hand, and his game had a dazzle to it that would have frightened a Davis Cup man with day of the tournament grew closer, and I could feel myself growing more tense, wondering what the outcome of it was going to be. I didn't think that the boy friend of Frances, Albert, was going to win. Albert's victory affected Joan?

It was with Albert, the night before the tournament, when he had new felt. Frances herself told us. I can remember her face, serious, dark and curved in the evening shadow. She had fallen out of love with the tennis player.

There was a silence. Albert asked me a strident voice, "Doesn't Joan know about it?"

Frances nodded, her voice low and slow, "Yes, she was the girl I counted have fallen in love with." "Oh, yes. She thinks he's rather juvenile too."

I had a hard job to come from howling with laughter at a look Albert's face then; but I must admit it didn't change his mind any. Albert went around with a pout, something like he got it. Patently, he bided his time, and Frances began to go around with a pout. He came to my room, muttering, clutching his head. Albert was beginning to feel that the situation was a bit stale.

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"Never," said Albert grimly, rolling up his sleeves and enrolling at the Y.M.C.A. "will it be I am a quitter."

"Wait," I said. "This way you're not a quitter. You're just a quitter. Things to Frances—get her to pretend to fall for you, and when Joan gets into the proper mood, turn about quickly and sweep her off her feet!"

Albert did it. Never have I seen a scheme work out so beautifully. Albert and Frances, everywhere together. Albert as the poet and Joan voted to Frances. People began to remark what a grand couple they made. Wasn't Albert divine looking?

Joan began to think so. The old, familiar "love-bomb" began to appear in her face, and I judged that it wouldn't be long till Albert took advantage. And to go out of town for a couple of weeks; when I returned, the wedding would be arranged, and everything set for the following day.

The organ seemed to grow a little more solemn. I looked at Joan's face and realized that if she had never loved Albert before, she did now. She was almost crying.

Then I looked up toward the altar, where the minister was just finishing the ceremony. The bride and groom turned toward each other, smiling, laughing, and kissed. Frances and Albert certainly made a grand couple. (Copyright Wheeler Newspaper Syndicate)

Danger Lurks In Shovelling Snow
WINNIPEG—Danger lurks in every winter for persons suffering from heart conditions.

A major snowstorm rarely passes without reports of some one aggravating an already weak heart by attempting to shovel a car from a snow-drift or by shovelling snow.

Dr. H. C. Goppinger, superintendent of Winnipeg General hospital, offered this advice: "Everyone over 40, if he knows he has a heart condition or not, would be well advised not to attempt to dig his auto out of a snowdrift. A telephone call to a towing company will pay dividends in the long run."

Heart trouble, the doctor emphasized, is easily aggravated by shovelling snow and scrubbing floors in the Roman Catholic rectory, and points in her spare time. Two patients she has done in Canada are on display at the Winnipeg art gallery.

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Western Briefs
(S.N.S. photo)

NELSON, B.C.—H. W. Herridge, M.P., for Kootenay West, favors a ban on the sale of crime comics. In a letter to Rev. W. J. Silverwood, Nelson minister who has forwarded petitions to Victoria and to Federal authorities by Nelson citizens seeking such a ban, he wrote that he would do everything he could to further the cause at Ottawa.

MOOSMUN, Sask.—Awarding of prizes for destruction of crows and magpies in the Moosmun district, resulted in a follow-up. Harvey Turner, Nelson, Woodlands district, 2. Lloyd Graham, Stanley district, 3. Norma Buckland, Woodlands district.

WINNIPEG.—Permanent license plates will be issued for motor vehicles in 1950 under a plan awaiting the approval of the Manitoba cabinet. Meantime current plates will be left on cars for 1949, owners being given a small aluminum "49" tag to cover the "48" space.

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Food Contracts For 1949 Announced

At the closing session of the Dominion Provincial Agricultural Conference, held in Ottawa, Right Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, announced the quantities and terms of the food agreements with Great Britain for 1949.

Subject in the case of bacon and cheese to the approval of the Economic Co-operation Administration, and by the Canadian Government to supply, the following will be provided:

Bacon: 160 million pounds.
Cheese: 50 million pounds.
Eggs: 1,533,000 cases (30 dozen to a case), or equivalent in the form of dried whole eggs or frozen whole eggs.

Prices for the first two commodities are the same as those stipulated in the relative 1948 Agreements. For eggs the prices are slightly lower. Mr. Gardiner gave additional particulars of these three food contracts to the Canadian press.

In the calendar year 1949, the U.K. will buy 160,000,000 pounds of Canadian bacon at the rate of \$30 per hundred pounds for A Number One quality, and 50 million pounds of cheese unchanged from that of the contract negotiated a year ago for delivery of 185,000,000 pounds.

Next year's contract quantity will probably absorb all bacon available for export to Great Britain, and as sure as possible that the U.K. gets the best quality of eggs and pork products will be maintained with the provision that the U.K. will take delivery of all available eggs and four thousand tons of frozen eggs.

The new cheese contract is for the supply of 50,000,000 pounds, at the same price as in 1948, which has been on the basis of 30 cents per pound, f.o.b. factory. There will be no request for a reduction in the equivalent of forty-six million dozen covering the eleven months period from February 1 to December 31, 1948, to January 31, 1949, was for seventy-four million dozen.

Shipments in 1949 will be 19½ million dozen storage eggs, three thousand tons of dried eggs, and four thousand tons of frozen eggs.

While the new contract volume is below the 1948 figure, it is considered that with some opening of other export markets in 1949 the quantity could be reasonably adequate to absorb the probable production in that year.

The 1949 prices will be 52½ cents per dozen for storage eggs; \$1.36 per dozen for storage eggs; and 92½ cents per pound for frozen eggs. 1948 prices were 51½ cents per dozen for storage eggs; \$1.46 per pound for dried eggs and 84 cents per pound for frozen eggs.

While the 1949 prices are slightly below those of 1948 it is expected that a major portion of the reduction can be met through economies in operating and processing costs and that the necessary February 1, 1949 prices paid to producers will be relatively small.

Such reduction should be compensated for to the considerable extent by the partial removal of restrictions on exports to other markets, said Mr. Gardiner.

Collecting Deer Antlers A Hobby

YORKTON, Sask.—As far as H. R. Zacker is concerned collecting deer antlers as a hobby has its points.

Mr. Zacker started out four years ago when he picked up a set of deer horns on a walk through a bluff. He took them home, polished them up and mounted them as an ornament for his study. Now he has close to 100 sets of shaggy deer headgear.

Since the first find, he and his wife have spent holidays and every Saturday afternoon "when the mosquitoes weren't too thick," looking for the antlers.

And an average day means a hike of 12 miles Mr. Zacker says, meaning it's hard to drag one foot after the other on the home track. A good day will produce four to six antlers, with luck some of them being pairs.

Hunting begins after the snow disappears when deer begin showing their antlers in preparation for a new set. Mr. Zacker has mounted some deer heads and used deer legs for stool and gun racks.

Announces Farm Reclamation Plan

REGINA.—A whopping piece of conservation, reclamation and development may be in store for Saskatchewan's farm lands if present agricultural department plans go through.

Pending approval by the C.C.F. government, a programme of facelifting and scraping designed to improve the province's main natural resource has been disclosed by department officials. It may cost \$1,000,000 annually.

The proposed project would bolster the dominion-sponsored prairie farm rehabilitation act which the last 10 years has spent well over \$200,000 on the prairie re-planting land, constructing common pastures and establishing dams and dugouts for farmers.

Experimental work in combining irrigation, pasture construction and soil control has been carried on as well.

DOLLAR A SMILE
VANCOUVER.—Members of the Optimist Club set out in Vancouver's business section to present a dollar to every person wearing a smile, and found very few outwardly happy. Many who did smile backed away suspiciously when offered the dollar.

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Best of all is meat. Lumps strung on a wire, or nailed to a tree, will bring cheerful chirps from flocks of hungry birds during these cold winter months.

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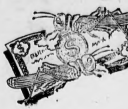
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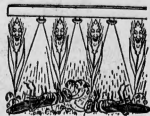
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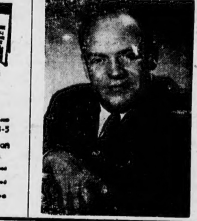
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HERE AND THERE

Miss Frankton who lives in Calgary and an old friend of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Busby was a visitor to Gleichen during the holidays.

Elmer Evans of Lethbridge was in town for a few days during the holiday season visiting relatives and friends. He spent much of his time curling.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stabback and daughter Dorcas of Calgary were visitors to relatives here during holiday season.

Mrs. W. P. Evans who has been in Gleichen for the past month, contracting from injuries suffered when knocked down by an auto, has returned to her home in Calgary.

Jimmy Cunningham of Canmore spent a few days in town visiting his mother.

Eddy Ogden of Lethbridge accompanied by three friends spent a day in town last week visiting Friday Evans.

Frank Woods of Duchess was a visitor for a few days at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Bick and family were visitors to the home of Mrs. Bick's parents at Red Deer for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Boos were visitors at the home of the late parents Mr. and Mrs. P. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Kirstein were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hoff. Mrs. Kirstein recently had her house insulated and now says she has the warmest house in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hayes and son Walter who are living in Calgary spent a few days in town visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bolinger.

Stuart Hampton spent a few days in Calgary visiting his son. He got back to town in time to join in the New Year celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Klipp Schmidt of Calgary were visitors to the home of Klipp's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Schmidt. While in town they called on many of their old friends.



DR. F. J. GRANEY,

Line Elevator Farm Service,

Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Science and the Farmer

Science is sometimes held accountable for many, if not most, of the world's present ills, such as mechanization with consequent unemployment, atomic warfare and irreverence. But the effects of science are not all evil. Science, as applied to agriculture, for example, has conferred immense benefits and untold wealth upon the farmer, and through him, to the whole community. With every passing year it is demonstrating to an increasing extent how the beautiful gifts of nature may most usefully be employed and perpetuated for man's happiness and profit.

Science prevents any reference in detail to the great economic advantages which science has brought to the farmers of Western Canada. One has only to think, however, of the outstanding debt of praise farmers owe to science through the development of a high-yielding, disease-resisting variety of wheat, oats, barley, flax and other crops. The development of more effective land management and soil conservation practices, the great advances in mechanization, and the discovery of more effective and cheaper chemicals to fertilize the soil, to control weeds, to reduce the enormous annual losses from insect pests and plant diseases are some of the important contributions of science to the welfare of prairie agriculture. Yes, science, as applied to agriculture, is continually providing new and valuable knowledge which is steadily modifying farm practice and enabling the farmer to win new Western Canada to win new wealth from the soil.

As the year ends, therefore, let us enjoy to the full the bounties brought us, but let us not fail to pay a sincere tribute of appreciation to their efficient work to the usually adding to our stock of agricultural knowledge, and thereby to the real wealth of our country. No group of men have conferred more far-reaching benefits upon the farmers of Western Canada.

On behalf of the Line Elevator Company, our sponsors, we extend to all our readers "A Merry Christmas." May the year 1919 show the great gifts of Peace, Good Health, and Prosperity upon you.

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